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Coroner Rules Out Suicide in Death of CIA Officer

Death of a 40-year-old Central Intelligence Agency administrative officer six weeks ago, ruled as suicide was attributed yesterday to natural causes by coroner A. Magruder Macdonald.

March 31, the body of James S. Kronthal was found in his bedroom of his Georgetown home, 1662 Thirty-second street N.W. On a table near the bed was a handwritten note which homicide detectives quoted as saying he had been "mentally strained because of pressure connected with work."

The same table was an empty glass vial. A complete chemical analysis was ordered by Coroner Macdonald.

Based on those chemical results which he described as negative, the coroner attributed death to a heart ailment.

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